

ENCOUNTER JESUS #5: John 2:1-12 THE CREATOR OF JOY

MP: Through the turning of water to wine Jesus was revealed as Creator, as initiating a New Covenant, and as the true source of all blessings and joy.

- Sign – signpost (STOP SIGN) – it points to something otherwise UNKNOWN
 - o 8 SIGNS AND 8 SAYINGS – SON OF GOD (created / establish)

THE PROBLEM BECOMES THE OPPORTUNITY

WEDDING GALILEE - FAMILY PRESENT – JOINED BY DISCIPLES

Bridegroom collected bride – walked thru village + friends + gifts – signed document – celebrated a day to week – **WINE BIG PART JOY – NO WINE (not good)**

OUR PROBLEMS BECOMES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIVINE REVELATION

- MARY KNEW HE WAS ABLE (no evidence prev sign)
- Wasn't saying 'no' – this is not the primary reason for my coming – however it did fit within the Scope of Messianic Mission – FATHER'S WILL
 - o **SELF DISCLOSURE – REVELATION – INTENTIONAL – IF UR WILLING**

Infertility promised child, inconvenience in calling rescue of Nineveh, a giant - revelation of Israel's greatest king, snake bites into healings, prisons into salvation you turn graves into gardens, bones into armies, seas into HIGHWAYS – ur the only 1 **Don't UNDERESTIMATE WHAT JESUS CAN DO IN STORM – PURPOSE HE HAS INT**

JESUS REVEALED AS THE CREATOR

6 waterpots of stone: For the manner of purification (20 or 30 g each) – 6 nuclear RXN

CREATION: Deconstructing – adding Carbon/Nitrogen – Reassembling the molecules – creating the wine/mixing – *ex nihilo* **SMART HOME WORD**

- Same God that made this – **PICTURE FROM WEBB TELESCOPE**

Alexander Pope “The conscious water saw its Master and blushed.”

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the **mighty hand of God** so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Jesus is the only worthy place to unload your anxieties. He can do something.

JESUS REVEALED AS ESTABLISHING A NEW COVENANT

6STONE POTS (#man) - Purifying for the hands and for vessels and the purpose

- **Brief historical review – cleansed, multiple times, fastidious (trouble)**
 - o JARS = meticulous obedience to the law – **HUMAN EFFORT**

Rabbi's taught wedding symbolized God's relationship w/Israel – sign SYMB – TRANSFORMATION (law came grace came) – TIMING (best for last)

John included this sign to underscore the historical transition from the recurring ceremonial requirements of the old covenant to the grace of God through faith in Christ in the NC.

- What He does w/**law**: FULFILLS IT TURNS IT INTO JOY (GRACE) – 3rd DAY

3rd day Abraham sees the place Lord provides ([Gen. 22:4–8](#)), 3rd day God meets ppl Sinai ([Ex. 19](#)), 3rd day God revives His fallen people ([Hos. 6](#)), 3rd day when Jonah's life brought up from pit ([Jonah 2:3–6](#); [Matt. 12:40](#)). 3rd day SON RAISED FROM THE DEAD **TIED TO THE RESURRECTION**

JESUS REVEALED AS THE CREATOR OF JOY – THE BLESSER

Didn't deny an invitation to the wedding celebration – NOT TOO BUSY/RELIGIOUS

- **SOME CHRISTIANS ARE JUST MISERABLE....too miserable to enjoy blessing**

Jesus didn't rescue you to make you miserable.

WHO MADE JOY? not devil..... GOD Blesses you 4 ur joy.....**2 WEEKS Pathway JOY**

Christian joy is a Holy Spirit enabled response to the beauty of Christ, the blessing of His promises, and the fulfillment of His purpose that lifts the heart and soul of the Christian.

John 16:24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. **YOU CAN ASK – LIKE MARY ASKED**

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **HIS PRESENCE IS PERMANENT**

God's not so much interested in your happiness as he is in your holiness. **CARES BOTH ENJOY THE BLESSINGS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU.**

IMPLANTED IN THE HEART OF JEW PRIESTLY BLESSING – stream of blessing that has flowed for thousands of years to the people of GOD – **CONNECTED HIS NAME/PRESENCE**

Numbers 6:24 The LORD **bless you (provides) and keep you (protects);**

²⁵ the LORD **make his face to shine (shows favor) upon you and be gracious to you (grace);**

²⁶ the LORD **lift up his countenance upon you (accepts) and give you peace (source peace).**

time come. Hum arrogant they decided that evolved beyond God. So, a rep from the **Society of Naturalists** was chosen to tell God not needed. scientist approached God, "we don't need you anymore! We can do everything u can! create life, control weather, divide atoms, everything." God said, "u think so? Let's have a little contest! If you can create life like I can, **from dirt**, then You're right! You don't need me anymore!" "Ok, you're on! said the man. He immediately bent down and picked up a handful of dirt and started to shape it. "Not so fast." said God. **"Get your own dirt!"**

- Humans can create a lot (stem cells to create mice embryos) only god can create out of nothing - **SIGN**